

Reply to Office Action of 12/22/2005  
Amendment Dated: April 18, 2006

Appl. No.: 09/975,944  
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### REMARKS

Claims 1-30 were examined in the outstanding first final office action mailed on 12/22/2005. Claims 1-23 and 28 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Davie (U.S. Patent No.: 6,320,845) in view of Irish (U.S. Patent No.: 6,757,281 B1) further in view of Rochberger (U.S. Patent No.: 6,577,653 B1). Claims 24-25, 27, and 29-30 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Davie in view of Irish in view of Rochberger further in view of Chase (U.S. Patent No.: 6,081,524).

It is respectfully pointed that the subject patent application (bearing serial number 09/975,944) and Davie (U.S. Patent No.: 6,320,845) were, at the time the invention of the subject patent application was made, owned by Cisco Technology, Inc.

Withdrawal of the rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103 is respectfully requested. Please see MPEP § 706.02(l)(1) entitled, "Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) Using Prior Art Under Only 35 U.S.C. 102 (e), (f), or (g)" for further information.

Thus, all the objections and rejections are believed to be overcome. The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned representative at 707.356.4172 if it is believed that an interview might be useful for any reason.

Respectfully submitted,



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